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1. SUMMARY: WRAP-UP VANCE VISIT EGYPT, KING KHALED TALKS WITH SUDANESE PRESIDENT NUMEIRI AND PLO LEADER YASSER ARAFAT SHARED TODAY'S HEADLINES MOST MAJOR DAILIES. EDITORIAL COMMENT NEGATIVE CONCERNING PROGRESS TO DATE VANCE VISIT.

2. ON SUBJECT OF PLO PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA CONFERENCE, ALNADWA OBSERVED THAT SUCH PARTICIPATION SEEMS TO HAVE BECOME THE MAJOR DISCUSSION TOPIC OF VANCE TALKS RATHER THAN HOW OVERALL PEACE IN MID-EAST CAN BE ACHIEVED: "GIVING ALL-OUT ATTENTION TO THIS QUESTION (PLO PARTICIPATION) WILL BLOCK PEACE EFFORTS." ON THE OTHER HAND, "NON-PARTICIPATION OF PLO AT GENEVA WILL MAKE CONFERENCE MEANINGLESS," CONTINUED THE NEWSPAPER. ALBILAD WROTE THAT CONFRONTATION STATES WILL HOLD SUMMIT MEETING FOLLOWING VANCE TRIP TO COORDINATE APPROACH CONCERNING PLO PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA AND TO DISCUSS PLO-JORDAN
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ASSOCIATION AND THE DECLARATION OF A PALESTINIAN STATE. ARAB NEWS COMMENTED THAT "VANCE HAS ANGERED SADAT BY DEMANDING PEACE TREATY WITH ISRAEL WHICH WOULD INCLUDE DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS." BOTH LEADERS "MANAGED TO SALVAGE THE SITUATION BY AGREEING TO FOREIGN MINISTER CONFERENCE." ACCORDING TO ARAB NEWS, "DAMASCUS IS NOT SO SURE ABOUT THE

WISDOM OS SUCH A STEP."

3. THERE WILL BE NO MEDIA REACTION REPORT TOMORROW
AS MOST NEWSPAPERS CEASE PUBLICATION IN OBSERVANCE OF
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